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I respectfully invite you to call and inspect my stock and prices, assuring you of

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

### PERSONAL POINTERS FITLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

The special term of the circuit court begins at Arcadia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cohen luxuriated this week on the islands in the lower bay.

J. J. Addison is building a two-story addition to his residence below King street.

The DeSoto County Singing Convention meets at New Hope church today for a three days session.

Prof. P. W. Carr, of Wauchula, has been called to the pastorate of the Lakeland Baptist church.

County commissioners and school board held their monthly meeting Tuesday.

Sheriff Fielder last week brought Rolla Summerlin from Savannah to Arcadia to answer a charge of breaking into the Arcadia depot.

The best cheap chewing tobacco in Spencer's "Satisfaction"—for sale by B. Bassett & Co.

The South Florida and the St. Johns Presbyteries will meet in Punta Gorda April 23d to 25th inclusive. Program next week.

Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, 14-1f.

Bathing in the bay is a favorite pastime with some of our ladies, but the want of bath houses prevents it from becoming general.

Mrs. Herbert Sewell and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Buchanan, left last week for the latter's home in Troy, Ala., where the former will spend the summer.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will have a handkerchief sale in the Gould building next Thursday, April 17th. Ice cream, cake and home-made candy. Every body invited.

A farmer's institute began at Arcadia yesterday. It should have been announced in last week's county papers, but the papers were not notified and so, we suppose, the attendance was (or is) small.

Geo. W. Schofield and wife, of Chicago, who were registered at the Dade, went out angling last Friday, when Mr. S. caught a 20-pound drum, which success gave him great delight.

If the report we publish in another column be true, the old familiar name "Plant System" will soon disappear from all the rolling stock which comes into Punta Gorda, and Atlantic Coast Line be substituted.

A number of fishermen having gone away on a vacation, the wholesale dealers on the dock are having the boats and nets overhauled and repaired and everything put in first-class condition for a renewal of the catching business.

For anything in the grocery line, promptly delivered, call Phone 39 N. N. Wakefield. 13-1f.

The Advocate speaks enthusiastically of the prosperity of Wauchula. It is a solid, all-the-year-round town in a splendid section, with no dull season. Young man, go to Wauchula and grow up with the city and the Advocate.

It does not seem likely that you can hear a better sermon in Bartow than here, and yet Chester Blount goes there every Sunday. Maybe they have a bigger organ, or an artistic well or something else in Bartow.

Judge Hardee should have the thanks of everybody for getting up a petition to the town council asking for an artesian well at the intersection of Cross street and Marian avenue. Now that the people have made known their wishes, it is sincerely hoped that the council will act promptly in carrying them out.

It is reported on credible authority that the through train to Tampa will cease running on and after the coming Sunday and that the old schedule of last summer will be resumed. This through train has been a great public convenience and there will be general regret at its withdrawal.

Dr. F. C. Latham and Mr. J. R. Elliott on Wednesday chartered Hewitt's easy launch Wil-Wach and took a party of their friends, both ladies and gentlemen, on an excursion to Boca Grande. They had a beautiful day, a charming trip and a delightful time in general. There were about fifteen in the party.

Correspondence of the tax collector's office has been much delayed by the unavoidable confusion resulting from the litigation over the office. The contest having finally been settled, all letters will now be answered as soon as possible. Meanwhile, those who have written to the collector are asked to be patient and their letters will have due attention.

The Presbyterian ladies will serve ice cream and strawberries in the Gould building today (Friday).

Mrs. Geo. Davis, of St. Petersburg, who is very popular here, arrived Tuesday night on a visit to the family of Capt. Charles G. Davis.

Mr. L. C. Van Vleet, of Toledo, Ohio, stopped over at the Dade, Sunday night, on his way to Useppa to indulge in the exciting sport of catching tarpon.

A great deal of building is being done throughout town. Much of it consists of small, cheap houses, but they add to the general aggregate and show that our town is growing.

Rev. M. S. Stevens, the genial editor of the Florida Baptist, of Wauchula, preached Sunday morning and night in our Baptist church. The congregations were much edified by his discourse.

All outgoing trains now carry tourists returning to their northern homes. The train that left here Tuesday night carried possibly a hundred tourists leaving the islands below.

Mr. E. O. Coram has sold all his property in Charlotte Harbor to John Hagan. The sale includes residence, store, stock of groceries, boat and drays. Mr. Coram may now remove to some other place.

Positively only two weeks longer in which to have your pictures taken. Call on Anderson at once. 13-2f.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Dean and daughter Miss Eleanor, after a pleasant sojourn of several months in this region, left last week for their home near Boston. This pleasant family always has a cordial welcome awaiting them here.

Mr. W. S. Stetson this week sold to Mr. R. K. Seward four horses, with buggies and harness, with which the latter has opened up a livery stable on Marian avenue just below King street. The stable is under the management of Mr. Edgar Seward.

Mrs. E. Clarkson, Mrs. Alma Clarkson Patton and little daughter Melba, left Monday for their home in Sidel, Illinois. They have been spending the winter with Mrs. E. J. Baughman at Pine Dale home. They expect to return next winter.

Buck Key folks are "humping" themselves raising cabbage. They are sending up here some of the finest and biggest we have ever seen. Two of them sent here weighed 35 pounds and many of them will get ten and twelve pounds.

Sixteen pounds whole grain rice, \$1.00 at N. N. Wakefield's. 13-1f.

Capt. Joe Lamar, conductor of the cannon ball train to Tampa, was laid up with sickness in that city for several days this week. His place meantime was filled by another hand some and obliging gentleman who neglected to leave his card at this office.

Col. and Mrs. Robert Holloway, Mrs. Massey and Miss Maud Burr started last Saturday on their journey home to Alexis, Ills. They will return early next season as Col. Holloway will wish to look after the building then of his elegant new residence on the bay front. Punta Gorda now claims these excellent people as her own.

Mr. O. A. Morgan has THE HERALD's thanks for one of his fine grape fruit, which are retailing at 25 cents each. As indicating their remarkable size, it may be stated that Mr. Morgan last week packed several boxes of grapefruit that ran eighteen to the box, whereas twenty-eight are considered the largest size. In fact, Mr. Morgan's fruit is so large that it is often mistaken for shaddock.

Silas Powell & Son have opened a shoe shop in the embrasure between Blount's and the postoffice and will do good work at reasonable prices. 10-1f.

Postmaster Mizell has at his home on Cross street a young peach tree that, a few weeks ago, put on a crop of fruit that threatens to break it down. The tree is a volunteer, or a "sport," but if it proves a reliable bearer of good fruit, it may become the parent of a valuable new variety of peaches. The fruit now is as large as quail eggs.

An immense amount of work has been done and is being done at the huge ice and fish freezing plant. Even the casual observer may see that thousands of dollars are being spent; and to see what has been done thus far, would justify the estimate that \$100,000 has already gone into the enterprise.

Anderson, the photographer, will be here only two weeks longer; better therefore, have your pictures taken now. 13-2f.

DeSoto Camp No. 19, Woodmen of the World, is flourishing like a green bay tree. Under a special dispensation, the Camp recently reduced the initiation fee to \$5.00, with the result that twenty-one new members have been voted in. At the meeting last week, four new members were added to the roll. At this rate, the Camp will soon be one of the largest in the State.

Mr. Wm. M. Whitten last week picked off of an 18-months old orange tree blossoms which, if all had been permitted to remain and all had developed fruit, would have produced two boxes of oranges. None of his trees are two years old, and yet many of them have put on a profusion of blossoms. Mr. Whitten picked off all the blossoms, as he prefers his trees to reach a good size before bearing.

Agasolene self-heated smoothing iron, best thing for family use, for sale cheap at the Chinese laundry next to Windham's restaurant. If

## THEIR DARLING DIED.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Guthrie have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in the death of their darling daughter, Bernice, which occurred about 12 o'clock Monday night. She was six years and six months old and had been sick scarcely a week.

Everything possible to medical skill and the most assiduous attention and devotion of loving parents was given the little sufferer, but in vain.

She was a very affectionate and remarkably bright child, the idol of father and mother, and was loved by every one who knew her; and her death leaves her parents heart-broken and the others who loved her plunged in sadness. It is indeed hard to give up such precious loved ones, but we have the consolation of knowing that they but go to a brighter world which sickness and sorrow never enter.

## MARRIED.

Mr. J. B. Smith and Miss Fannie Sheffield, both of this town, were quietly married last Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Brenzell, on Cross street. The ceremony was performed by Judge W. B. Hardee, grandfather of the bride and justice of the peace for this district.

After being made one, the happy couple proceeded to the residence of Mr. Herbert Sewell, where they will have their temporary home. Their friends will unite with THE HERALD in wishing them a long life of unalloyed joy and prosperity.

## A WARNING.

All persons are forbidden under penalty of the law to cut, injure or remove any cabbage-palm or other trees from any hammock on the south shore of the bay west of and adjoining Solana. 14-1f. FREDERICK W. HOWARD.

Schooner "Blackbird," Lord master, Pensacola to Matanzas, with a full cargo of railroad crosses, put in at this port last Friday in distress, having sprung a leak on her way over. She threw overboard her deck load. Saturday, she was towed to Tampa by the big steam tug Dewey.

A rumor having considerable semblance of authenticity is in circulation that Prof. T. B. Hartig, of Brownville, is seriously considering the idea of starting in Arcadia a newspaper to advocate old line Democratic doctrines. THE HERALD has been flattered with an invitation from Arcadia to locate in Arcadia; but, while that is a splendid town with many excellent people, Punta Gorda has an irresistible fascination for THE HERALD folks.

The tall Australian oak in Capt. K. B. Harvey's front yard is putting out a large amount of beautiful blossoms. This is the second time the tree has bloomed and it is perhaps the first one of its species to bloom in this county. The blossoms are of a rich golden color on a background of red and purple, framed in the deep green foliage of the tree; and viewed from a short distance, they have a feathery appearance as of the gorgeous plumage of some rare bird.

Mr. McAdow has bought of Col. Trabue the business lot on Marian avenue adjoining McLane & Oliver's store on the west and will immediately erect thereon a building to be used as a laboratory by the Fruit Extract Manufacturing Company, in which he and Dr. Best are the chief stockholders. It is hoped to have the enterprise in full operation about the middle of next month. It may be known that the fruit extracts made by Dr. Best took the highest award at the Atlanta exposition several years ago.

A devil fish one day last week ran away with two men at Sanibel. They were J. Howard Adams, of New York, and Manager E. M. Duncan, of the Sister's Hotel. They were out fishing in a small boat, anchored, when the fish got entangled in the anchor rope and made a rush for the open Gulf at a 40-knot rate. The boat was in imminent danger of being dragged under, when one of the gentlemen recovered his presence of mind, cut the rope and thus averted a catastrophe.

F. G. Arnold, Arcadia's wide-awake photographer, will be here soon. Save all your work for him, and also save money for yourselves.

The big schooner "Kitty Hoar," of Marco, E. D. Weese, master, put in at this port Saturday last in distress, having lost her anchors in a storm at Boca Grande. She was bound for Miami, but took a cargo from here to Key West, sailing yesterday. The Kitty Hoar is a Spanish prize, having been captured during the late war. All the heavy timbers in the ship are of mahogany, and she is one of the staunchest vessels of her class. Capt. Weese is a companionable salt and one of the best sailors on the coast.

Mr. B. B. McHargue, of Harbor View, brought to this office Monday morning 539 little grapefruit which he had picked from one of his trees that are only seventeen months old. He has 100 trees in his grove and all of them fruited heavily last month, but as they are only seventeen months old experienced growers think they should not be allowed to bear so early. Mr. McHargue picked off all the fruit. His trees are within twenty feet of tide water and are flourishing with the greatest luxuriance. We venture to say that the much advertised East Coast cannot beat Mr. McHargue in grapefruit.

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Millinery,  
Trimmed Hats,  
and Sailors of  
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Trimmings,  
Men and Boys'  
Clothing,  
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Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

## Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis' fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

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